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SUBJECT: U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM TAIWAN REPORT CARRIED BY
PRC PAPER

REF: A. TAIPEI 226 (NOTAL) B. STATE 010135(NOTAL)

1. PRC-OWNED HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO JANUARY 24 CARRIED WITHOUT
COMMENT JIJ JANUARY 23 WASHINGTON DATELINED STORY REPORTING
THAT U.S. COMBAT TROOPS STATIONED ON TAIWAN, INCLUDING F-4
PHANTOMS, WILL BE WITHDRAWN BY THIS SUMMER. STORY, WHICH IS
ALLEGEDLY BASED ON DISCLOSURE MADE BY "SOURCES CONNECTED TO U.S.
GOVERNMENT," STATES THAT ABOUT 4,000 U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE
PRESENTLY STATIONED IN TAIWAN (WITH MAIN FORCE CONSISTING OF
AIR FORCE SQUADRON OF 18 F-4'S AND A C-130 UNIT) AND THAT U.S.
INTENDS TO WITHDRAW ABOUT 1,400 MEN. STORY STATE U.S. DOD
DISCLOSED LAST AUGUST WHEN F-4 SQUADRON WAS TRANSFERRED FROM
TAIWAN TO PHILIPPINES THAT ANOTHER SQUADRON WOULD BE TRANSFERRED
IN A YEAR. THUS UPCOMING F-4 TRANSFER WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH
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DOD DIRECTIVE. REPORT NOTED THAT AFTER WITHDRAWAL THESE COMBAT

TROOPS, U.S. TROOPS IN TAIWAN WOULD CONSIST MOSTLY OF MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT UNITS. THE JIJI STORY WAS CARRIED IN A NUMBER OF HONG KONG INDEPENDENT AND PRO-KMT CHINESE LANGUAGE PAPERS AS WELL AS TA KUNG PAO.

2. EARLIER JANUARY 12 AFP STORY RE ALLEGED U.S. MAAG WITHDRAWAL FROM TAIWAN AND CONCURRENT UPI STORY WITH CHIEF MAAG DENIAL (REFTELS) WERE CARRIED BY NUMBER OF HONG KONG CHINESE LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS. HOWEVER, FOR OBVIOUS REASONS PRC PRESS CARRIED NEITHER STORY. TA KUNG PAO REPLAY OF JIJI ITEM IS FIRST PRC COVERAGE OF TAIWAN U.S. MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS SINCE HONG KONG PRC PRESS CARRIED AP STORY ON WITHDRAWAL OF F-4 SQUADRON LAST JULY (HONG KONG 8919).
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